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(Authority: 49 CFR 1.93(a), 46 U.S.C. 55103, 46 U.S.C. 12121)

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

**T. Mitchell Hudson, Jr.,**

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD-2024-0021]

#### Coastwise Endorsement Eligibility Determination for a Foreign-Built Vessel: MANDALU 2 (Motor); Invitation for Public Comments

**AGENCY:** Maritime Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Secretary of Transportation, as represented by the

Maritime Administration (MARAD), is authorized to issue coastwise endorsement eligibility determinations for foreign-built vessels which will carry no more than twelve passengers for hire. A request for such a determination has been received by MARAD. By this notice, MARAD seeks comments from interested parties as to any effect this action may have on U.S. vessel builders or businesses in the U.S. that use U.S.-flag vessels. Information about the requestor's vessel, including a brief description of the proposed service, is listed below.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before March 22, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket Number MARAD-2024-0021 by any one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <https://www.regulations.gov>. Search MARAD-2024-0021 and follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *Mail or Hand Delivery:* Docket Management Facility is in the West Building, Ground Floor of the U.S. Department of Transportation. The Docket Management Facility location address is U.S. Department of Transportation, MARAD-2024-0021, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays.

**Note:** If you mail or hand-deliver your comments, we recommend that you include your name and a mailing address, an email address, or a telephone number in the body of your document so that we can contact you if we have questions regarding your submission.

**Instructions:** All submissions received must include the agency name and specific docket number. All comments received will be posted without change to the docket at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), including any personal information provided. For detailed instructions on submitting comments, or to submit comments that are confidential in nature, see the section entitled Public Participation.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Patricia Hagerty, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W23-461, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: (202) 366-0903. Email: [patricia.hagerty@dot.gov](mailto:patricia.hagerty@dot.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** As described in the application, the intended service of the vessel MANDALU 2 is:

- Intended Commercial Use of Vessel:* Requester intends to use for Atlantic coast passenger charters.
- Geographic Region Including Base of Operations:* Delaware, New Jersey, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina.
- Base of Operations:* Lewes, DE.
- Vessel Length and Type:* 34' Motor

The complete application is available for review identified in the DOT docket as MARAD 2024-0021 at <https://www.regulations.gov>. Interested parties may comment on the effect this action may have on U.S. vessel builders or businesses in the U.S. that use U.S.-flag vessels. If MARAD determines, in accordance with 46 U.S.C. 12121 and MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR part 388, that the employment of the vessel in the coastwise trade to carry no more than 12 passengers will have an unduly adverse effect on a U.S.-vessel builder or a business that uses U.S.-flag vessels in that business, MARAD will not issue an approval of the vessel's coastwise endorsement eligibility. Comments should refer to the vessel name, state the commenter's interest in the application, and address the eligibility criteria given in § 388.4 of MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR part 388.

#### Public Participation

*How do I submit comments?*

Please submit your comments, including the attachments, following the instructions provided under the above heading entitled **ADDRESSES**. Be advised that it may take a few hours or even days for your comment to be reflected on the docket. In addition, your comments must be written in English. We encourage you to provide concise comments and you may attach additional documents as necessary. There is no limit on the length of the attachments.

*Where do I go to read public comments, and find supporting information?*

Go to the docket online at <https://www.regulations.gov>, keyword search MARAD-2024-0021 or visit the Docket Management Facility (see **ADDRESSES** for hours of operation). We recommend that you periodically check the Docket for new submissions and supporting material.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

[DOT–OST–2024–0010]

### U.S. Coast Guard Loran Sites

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology (OST–R), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Notification.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) is issuing this Notification to the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) that neither DOT, nor the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD), are seeking transfer of the Loran properties from the USCG. This notification is being given based on the fact there was no identification of a need for the USCG Loran properties in response to the DOT Request for Information (RFI) on a

Commercial enhanced Long Range Navigation (eLoran) Capability, DOT–OST–2023–0118.

**DATES:** Responses should be filed by May 21, 2024. All questions concerning this Notification shall be emailed to [PNT\\_RFI@dot.gov](mailto:PNT_RFI@dot.gov). When submitting questions and comments, please refer to the specific relevant text of this Notification. Each question submitted to DOT should be stated in such a way that there would be no objection to DOT’s publishing that precise question (and its answer) in a formal Amendment to the Notification. That is, each question should be worded in such a way that the publication of that question (and its answer) would not divulge any information that would be considered proprietary or confidential. Further, any questions concerning any apparent error, omission, or ambiguity in this Notification shall include the questioner’s supporting rationale as well as a description of the remedies that the questioner is asking DOT to consider. All questions that DOT decides to answer will be collectively answered in writing.

**ADDRESSES:** You may file responses identified by the docket number DOT–OST–2024–0010 by any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Portal:* go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- *Mail:* Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590–0001.
- *Hand Delivery or Courier:* West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

- *Fax:* (202) 493–2251.

**Instructions:** You must include the agency name and docket number DOT–OST–2024–0010 at the beginning of your submission. All submissions received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided, unless proprietary and other sensitive information is so marked with requested disposition instructions. Any submissions with Confidential/Proprietary information should be labeled as such in the title of the submission.

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submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT’s complete Privacy Act statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477–78), or you may visit <https://www.transportation.gov/individuals/privacy/dot-privacy-policy>.

**Docket:** For access to the docket and comments received, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> or to the street address listed above. Follow the online instructions for accessing the docket.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### 1. Overview

On October 3, 2023, DOT issued a Commercial eLoran Capability RFI, DOT–OST–2023–0118 (88 FR 68283), to determine:

(1) If there is interest from private entities in offering a U.S. commercial eLoran service to the general public in the United States on a fee-for-service basis without any Federal investment, subsidy, procurement commitment or other commitment of credit or budgetary resources.

(2) If respondent has an interest in offering a U.S.-based commercial eLoran service on a fee-for-service basis, identify what impediments stand in the way of respondent offering a U.S. commercial eLoran service. If lack of access to any federally-controlled assets and non-budgetary assistance related to utilizing such federally-controlled assets are identified as impediments to offering such a service, a subsequent Request for Information may be issued to obtain additional data.

This RFI was issued specifically to inform USCG divestiture of their legacy Loran sites, as required by section 11211 of the FY 2023 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA; 14 U.S.C. 914). Per the FY 2023 NDAA, if DOT or DoD expresses interest in obtaining any of the Loran-C properties, the properties will be transferred from USCG to DOT. No respondents to the RFI identified a need for the USCG Loran properties to provide a commercial eLoran capability in the United States. Therefore, neither DOT, nor DoD, are seeking transfer of the Loran properties from the USCG.

Issued this day of February 15, 2024, in Washington, DC.

**Robert C. Hampshire,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology, U.S. Department of Transportation.*

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